

Median Household Income is less than \$25,000 for more than 40% of residents, compared to 25% for all of Berkshire County.

Single women head of family households comprise 23% of the households in the neighborhood; 12% for Berkshire County.

Low-income residents depend on the bus system for transportation.

Buses do not run after 7:00PM or on Sunday.

Closest grocery stores are 1.5 miles from the center of Tyler St. One is accessible by bus. The other requires transfers at the Downtown Intermodal center.

Until 3 months ago, the nearest food pantry was 1 mile from the center of Tyler St.

In 3 months, the Dream Center Food Pantry served 251 people, 100 families, distributed over 2,000 items. (open 4.5 hours, Wed only)

Historically, the Morningside School has had 85-90% of students qualified for free or reduced lunch.

Morningside School currently provides universal free breakfast and lunch, and are piloting a dinner program.

The school serves the significant number of families living at or close to the poverty level and families with no car. This is the mix that makes food purchase and working difficult to impossible.

Food Desert: a *low-income census tract* where a substantial number or share of residents has *low access*(*more than 1 mile*) to a supermarket or large grocery store. (USDA.gov)